

## Assembly Bill No. 211

### CHAPTER 515

An act relating to the California Military Museum, and making an appropriation therefor.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 211, Chavez. California Military Museum: World War II Oral History Program.

Under existing law, the California Military Museum is operated in the Old Sacramento State Historical Park.

This bill would appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund to the California Arts Council for allocation to the California Military Museum for the continued operation of the World War II Oral History Program and coordination of this program with the California Center for Military History of the California State Military Reserve.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) In 1998, the Legislature enacted a grant, through the California Arts Council, to the California Military Museum to fund the California Military History Educational Project, in conjunction with the University of California, Los Angeles, and the School of Education of the California State University, Los Angeles.

(2) The California Military History Educational Project was established to develop a military history educational program that would meet all relevant state elementary and secondary educational standards and requirements for grades in which California history is taught.

(3) California has the nation's largest population of World War II veterans and military retirees.

(4) However, the population of the "Greatest Generation" is rapidly declining, and will drop dramatically in the next 10 years.

(5) In this time of relative peace and prosperity, many of California's elementary and secondary school pupils are unaware of the sacrifices made by the World War II generation, and the above-mentioned

organizations have launched the World War II Oral History Program as a means of capturing the stories of these Californians.

(6) It is in the best interest of all Californians and the nation that the stories of the World War II generation be gathered and preserved for posterity before it is too late, and that these heroic stories be integrated into the California curriculum for those grades in which California history is taught.

(b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) be appropriated for this worthy effort.

SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the California Arts Council for allocation to the California Military Museum for the continued operation of the World War II Oral History Program and coordination of this program with the California Center for Military History of the California State Military Reserve. The funds appropriated by this section shall be used solely for the continued operation of the World War II Oral History Program. None of the funds appropriated by this section shall be used for administrative costs of the California Military Museum.

